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SUBJECT: W/W REVIEW CASES OF ALL AMCIT PRISONERS

REF: STATE 194199 & 230071

1. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS - PER STARK MATERIAL, RONDOU ALLEGED THAT HE WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO CALL CONOFF FOR OVER A WEEK. POST FILES SHOW THAT RONDOU WAS ARRESTED DECEMBER 28, 1973 AND POST DID NOT LEARN OF ARREST UNTIL NEWSPAPERS OF JANUARY 11, 1974. FIRST CONOFF VISIT OCCURRED ON APRIL 9, 1974. DENIAL OF EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS IS OF CONTINUING CONCERN AND POST LOOKS TO EMBASSY TO REACH A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS AND PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF ARREST OF AN AMCIT.

2. CONOFF VISITATION - PER STARK MATERIAL, RONDOU COMPLAINED THAT CONOFFS WERE UNSYMPATHETIC AND INEFFECTIVE. CONOFF VISITED RONDOU ON APRIL 16, 1974 AND HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT TREATMENT OR FOOD. ON MAY 2, 1974, CONOFF VISIT, RONDOU REQUESTED CONOFF TRY TO SEPEED UP HIS COURT CASE WHICH CONOFF WAS UNABLE TO DO. RONDOU WROTE LETTER TO CONOFF AUGUST 3, 1974 MAKING NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS BUT WROTE AGAIN ON AUGUST 10, 1974 TO SAY THAT "MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED WHICH HAVE MADE PARTS OF THAT (AUGUST 3) LETTER INACCURATE." HE ALSO SAID, "I FEEL IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU COULD WAIT UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM ME AGAIN BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION IN MY BEHALF." RONDOU WROTE ANOTHER LETTER TO CONOFF

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OF NOVEMBER 1, 1974 ASKING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH

CONOFF RESPONDED ORALLY TO IN VISIT OF NOVEMBER 9, 1974 AND GAVE RONDOU A WRITTEN RESPONSE ON NOVEMBER 14, 1974. RONDOU WAS VISITED BY CONOFF DECEMBER 9, 1974 AFTER HIS TRANSFER FROM NOGALES TO HERMOSILLO ON NOVEMBER 15, 1974. RONDOU HAS NOT APPEARED SINCE THAT TIME.

3. EXTORTION BY ATTORNEY - PER STARK MATERIAL, RONDOU ALLEGED THAT HE PAID 2,000 DOLLARS TO AN UNNAMED ATTORNEY. NO SUCH ALLEGATION WAS EVER MADE TO CONOFF. RONDOU'S ONLY COMPLAINT IN POST FILES ABOUT ATTORNEY WAS ON CONOFF VISIT OF DECEMBER 9, 1974 WHEN HE STATED THAT HIS ATTORNEY HAD NOT DELIVERED FIFTY DOLLARS TO HIM. CONOFF CALLED ATTORNEY AND FOUND OUT MONEY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO PRISON OFFICIALS BECAUSE PRISONERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE MORE THAN 100 PESOS. ATTORNEY SAID HE HAD RECEIPT FOR THE FIFTY DOLLARS.  
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